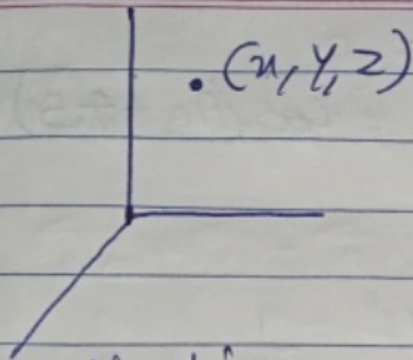


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direction cosines } in vectors

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{x}{|\vec{r}|}$$

direction cosines (when direction ratio is given)
(a, b, c)

$$\frac{l}{a} = \frac{m}{b} = \frac{n}{c} = k$$

$$l = ak \quad m = bk \quad n = ck$$

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

Total direction ratios to prove 11

$$k = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

eg AB = $(x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1)$

$$l = \pm \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$m = \pm \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$n = \pm \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$